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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION**

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the second Office Action, mailed 17 December 2003, in the above identified patent application. A shortened statutory period for response has been set for 3 months, up to and including 17 March 2004. A request for an extension of time and the required fee is included with this response to extend the time for response one month up to and including 17 April 2004.